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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G06F1/00		
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.	
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Box No. I- Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-7 _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☒ the claims:

nos. 1-7 _____ as originally filed/furnished

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1 Reference is made to the following documents:		
D1: SCHECHTER E S ET AL: "Trusted Computing, Peer-To-Peer Distribution, and the Economics of Pirated Entertainment" 29 May 2003 (2003-05-29), ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS AND INFORMATION SECURITY, XP002299690		
D2: US 2003/233455 A1 (LEBER MIKE ET AL) 18 December 2003 (2003-12-18)		
2 Document D1 is considered the closest prior art and discloses (the references between parentheses refer to that document) a method (section 3.2) for protecting a file containing proprietary content against unauthorised duplication by means of file sharing between remote computers that are connected to an Internet exchange service ("peer- to-peer network"), which makes available the file comprising the proprietary content and metadata consisting, <i>inter alia</i> , of a hash ID ("fingerprint", "hash") and, for example, the title ("labelling Song").		

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The subject matter of independent claim 1 differs therefrom in that:
in the method as per D1, the files are protected by the dissemination of bogus files, whilst in the application the files are made available in the form of randomly stored data sets and bogus data sets with the hash ID of a correct data set are disseminated.

- 2.1 The subject matter of claim 1 is thus novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The present invention can therefore be considered to address the problem of improving protection.

It is obvious to a person skilled in the art to make the file available in the form of randomly stored data sets (see, for example, D2 [0033]).

- 2.2 The solution to the above problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

In D1, in addition to a file, a second bogus file with supposedly the same content is offered, although the hashes of the two files are different. After a few attempts, it is relatively easy for the user to exclude the bogus files and download the correct ones. In the proposed method, altered data sets of a file with the original hash ID are offered. In that method it

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is not possible to tell the difference between correct data sets and bogus data sets prior to downloading of the data set, this applying not only to the first time, but to every attempt.

D1 does not disclose the combination of specified features and nor is such a combination obvious from any of the documents cited in the search report.

- 2.3 Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.